

DC Storm Drain Marker Program

DC Soil & Water Conservation District Citizens' Advisory Committee – Spring 2005
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What should you know about storm drains?

Storm drains are designed to take rainwater and snowmelt away from streets & sidewalks to prevent flooding.

Nothing but water should go into storm drains.

Trash, motor oil and debris that get into storm drains pollute local rivers and streams and clog up the storm drains causing flooding.

To increase public awareness, the **DC Soil & Water Conservation District Citizens' Advisory Committee helps groups place**

decals on storm drains that are highly visible and frequently overburdened with trash and debris. These colorful and durable plastic decals are easy to install, cannot be scratched or damaged and last for 10 years.



How can you help improve the quality of our rivers & streams?

φ **Contact DCSWCD-CAC to set a time and place to install storm drain markers in your neighborhood; for example - in a commercial area, near a school or park or bus stop, or other areas of concern.**

φ Make sure nothing goes down storm drains except water or snow melt. How? Don't put anything in storm drains. Keep trash, dog poop, motor oil, trash, and debris off streets, sidewalks, yards and parks.

φ Organize regular neighborhood cleanups. DPW can provide trash bags, brooms and other supplies. Contact the Helping Hand Program at 645-7190 at least two weeks in advance of your cleanup to fill out an application.

φ Report clogged or broken storm drains by calling WASA at 202-612-3400 or making an on-line service request at https://www.dcwasa.com/report_problem/default.cfm. Get a tracking number and follow-up to see if cleaning / repairs have been made. Need more help? Contact Merrit Drucker, DC Clean City Coordinator, at Merrit.Drucker@dc.gov or 272-5746.

φ Call 727-1000 to report related problems in your neighborhood, including illegal car repair operations, trash dumping, and excessive trash in yards, streets, or alleys, or submit a service request online at <http://www.dc.gov/citizen/request.shtm>. Get a tracking number and follow-up to see if the problem is solved in a timely manner. Need more help? Contact Merrit Drucker, DC Clean City Coordinator, at Merrit.Drucker@dc.gov or 272-5746.

φ Call 727-1000 or visit www.dpw.dc.gov to learn dates of DPW hazardous waste trash collections.

φ Copy this flyer and give it to neighbors, community groups, libraries, schools, businesses, etc.

For more information on the DC Storm Drain Marker Program or to discuss environmental concerns in your neighborhood, contact Robert Hyman, DCSWCD, at roberthyman@erols.com or 202-342-5485.